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SUBJ: WILLY BRANDT SPEECH ON U.S. - EUROPEAN RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY. IN A WIDE-RANGING SPEECH BEFORE A GERMAN-
AMERICAN AUDIENCE IN DUESSELDORF SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT
RE-AFFIRMED HIS FAITH IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF AND SUPPORT FOR US POLICIES
TOWARD NATO, TO FRG, THE NEAR EAST AND AFRICA.
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2. BEFORE AN AUDIENCE INVITED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE, THE AMERICAN CLUB AND THE STEUBEN-SCHURZ
GESELLSCHAFT OF DUESSELDORF SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT
SPOKE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE QTE INDISPENSIBLE ALLIANCE
UNQTE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE US. SOMEWHAT CONTRARY
TO EXPECTATIONS, HIS SPEECH WENT BEYOND THE CUSTOMARY

FORMULATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SUMMARIZE THE SALIENT POINTS OF THE SPEECH.

3. NATO PREPAREDNESS. THE RECENT NATO SUMMIT MEETING HAS CONFIRMED THE WILL OF THE ALLIANCE TO MEET A THREAT WITH UNITY AND DETERMINATION, AND PRESIDENT CARTER HAS CLEARLY EXPRESSED THE LASTING COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WITH WESTERN EUROPE. A QUESTION ARISES, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE RESOLUTIONS AT THE NATO MEETING AND THE SPEECHES AT THE UN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE ARE COMPATIBLE. WITHOUT DISREGARDING THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION, THERE IS NOTHING NEW AND NO GROUNDS FOR PANIC IN THE SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN TANKS. NATO HAS THE MEANS TO OFFSET THIS. WHILE MILITARY BALANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED, CARE MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO ESCALATE THE ARMS RACE.

4. U.S. LEADERSHIP. THE US HAS NOT ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE PUSHED INTO ANOTHER COLD WAR AND WILL, IN HIS ESTIMATION, CONTINUE TO WORK FOR COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION; THE PLAIN AND AT TIMES BRITTLE LANGUAGE OF RECENT EXCHANGES BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON SHOULD NOT BE MISINTERPRETED. THERE IS AT THIS TIME SOME LACK OF CLARITY WITH REGARD TO THE POLICIES ON BOTH SIDES; IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THERE BE NO DOUBT ABOUT US LEADERSHIP AND CONSISTENCY AND THAT THE US NOT CREATE THE IMPRESSION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF A TENDENCY TO VACILLATE OR TO GIVE IN TO FLUCTUATING DOMESTIC POLITICAL TRENDS.

5. SALT II AND III. BRANDT SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT DELAYS IN THE SALT II NEGOTIATIONS. TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND AGREEMENT ON MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS MUST NOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY DETERIORATION OF THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE. THE ARMS RACE MUST BE ENDED FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT MANKIND CANNOT AFFORD TO DOUBLE AGAIN THE ANNUAL 400 BILLION DOLLAR OUTLAYS FOR ARMAMENTS. THOUGHT SHOULD NOW BE GIVEN TO A SALT III AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD CONTROL THE QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ARMAMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO DEFER PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB DESERVES RESPECT AND IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL REACT APPROPRIATELY. THE SOVIET REACTION TO WESTERN PROPOSALS IN THE MBFR IS A SIGNIFICANT GESTURE.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS AND DETENTE. DETENTE HAS NOT BEEN STOPPED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. AMERICAN VIGILANCE IN THIS FIELD HAS ALREADY PRODUCED SOME RESULTS IN LATIN-AMERICAN AND MAY BEAR FRUIT

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

7. THE FRG AND THE OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
APPROVE OF AMERICAN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A LASTING PEACE
IN THE NEAR EAST. IT WOULD BE A PITY IF PRESIDENT
SADAT'S INITIATIVE WERE TO END IN FAILURE. WE AGREE
WITH THE US THAT THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL MUST BE ASSURED
AND THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAVE A RIGHT TO A SECURE
HOMELAND. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST REQUIRES THE COOPERATION OF THE SOVIET UNION.

8. THE US AND AFRICA. THERE IS DANGER THAT AFRICA WILL
BECOME A NEW POWDER KEG. WE HAVE WATCHED WITH INTEREST
AMERICAN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW BASIS FOR ITS
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RELATIONS WITH AFRICA, BUT THE SITUATION IS MORE
COMPLICATED THAN THE SINGLE QUESTION OF SOVIET OR CUBAN
INTERVENTION. THE US SEEMS TO HAVE LEARNED TO APPRECIATE,
MORE THAN EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVES, THAT NEW CONCEPTS
MUST BE EMPLOYED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN NORTH AND
SOUTH. WE MUST AVOID CONFRONTATIONS OVER NEW EAST-WEST
SPHERES OF INFLUENCE.

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9. FRANCE AND THE ALLIANCE. THANKS TO PRESIDENT GISCARD'S REALISM, THERE IS A NEW SOLIDARITY IN THE ALLIANCE AND THE QUARREL BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND ATLANTICISTS IS A THING OF THE PAST. GOOD US-FRENCH RELATIONS ARE A REQUISITE FOR GOOD US-GERMAN AND GERMAN- FRENCH RELATIONS.

10. US AND GERMAN ECONOMIC POLICIES. DIFFERING
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PRIORITIES IN US AND GERMAN ECONOMIC POLICIES HAVE PRODUCED SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS. THE US HAS EMPHASIZED RECOVERY FROM THE RECESSION AND THE FRG CONTROL OF INFLATION. BOTH HAVE SCORED SUCCESSES IN THEIR FIELDS, BUT THE US IS NOW SHOWING MORE CONCERN ABOUT INFLATION AND THE COMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING WILL HOPEFULLY REVEAL GREATER CONSONANCE OF POLICIES. PRESIDENT CARTER'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY DESERVE THE FULLEST SUPPORT FROM EUROPE. NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION HAS BEEN ANOTHER AREA OF FRICTION, BUT THESE CAN ALSO BE ELIMINATED.

11. THE FINAL PORTION OF THE SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO PHILOSOPHICAL REFLECTIONS IN WHICH BRANDT (1) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN, AND IN PARTICULAR PRESIDENT CARTER'S IDEALISM AND WARNED AGAINST UNDERESTIMATING MORALITY AS A POLITICAL FACTOR, (2) COMMENTED ON THE HISTORICAL TENDENCY IN GERMANY TO UNDERESTIMATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE US FROM WILSON TO CARTER (3) GAVE RECOGNITION TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATIONS'S ABILITY TO OVERCOME RESISTANCE, E.G. THE PANAMA TREATIES AND INDIRECTLY ENDORSED ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS FOR WELFARE REFORM, URBAN RENEWAL AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND (4) SAW IN THE SIMILARITY OF THE PROBLEMS AND IN THE APPROACH TO THE SOLUTIONS AN AFFINITY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS. RETURNING TO HIS THEME
HE CALLED THE US-EUROPEAN ALLIANCE AS INDISPENSIBLE AND
AS WILLINGLY AND GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AS OUR DAILY BREAD.DUX

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